

FACT SHEET

FINAL AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL EMISSION STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS FOR SOURCE CATEGORIES: ORGANIC HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS FROM THE SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CHEMICAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AND OTHER PROCESSES SUBJECT TO THE NEGOTIATED REGULATION FOR EQUIPMENTS LEAKS

ACTION

- On December 23, 2004, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) amended its regulation known as the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Organic Hazardous Air Pollutants From the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry and Other Processes Subject to the Negotiated Regulation for Equipments Leaks. This rule applies to chemical manufacturing facilities.
- These direct final rule amendments provide industrial facilities subject to the 1994 regulation a compliance option that will result in emissions reductions equal to, or greater than, those achieved by the existing control options.
- These amendments allow the use of vapor balancing to comply with storage tank requirements in lieu of floating roof technology or add-on controls. The amendments require that the displaced vapors from storage tanks to tank trucks or railcars be controlled at the reloading or cleaning facility to at least 95 percent.
- EPA developed today's final rule amendments in partnership with major stakeholders, including industry representatives.
- Because EPA views this action as noncontroversial, the Agency is issuing this rule as a direct final rule with a parallel proposal. If EPA receives adverse comment on the parallel proposal, we will withdraw the direct final rule and respond to the comment in a final rule amendment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION . . .

- For further information about the final rule amendments, contact Randy McDonald of EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-5416. The final rule amendments can be accessed from the Clean Air Act Amendments bulletin board of EPA's Technology Transfer Network (TTN) at the following Internet address:
<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/caaa/t3pfpr.html>.